

Subject: Re: Westchester Town Center Irrigation System
From: Hector Banuelos <hector.banuelos@lacity.org>
Date: 06/28/2012 07:46 AM
To: Donald Duckworth <duckworth.donald@gmail.com>
CC: Jruhlen916 <jruhlen916@aol.com>

Hello Donald,

Mr. John Arriola, Park Maintenance Supervisor [\(213\) 485-0790](tel:2134850790), oversees the work of the landscape contractor and Mr. Dennis Wake, Senior Park Maintenance Supervisor [\(213\) 847-3077](tel:2138473077) oversees all landscape operations. There appeared to be some confusion in April, but since May 2nd 2012, Tropical Creations was given direct orders not to perform any work on any median on Sepulveda Bl south of Manchester.

I don't know who has been tampering with the irrigation system and broke some lines/heads in the medians, but I will have staff remind the contractor to keep all work south of Manchester.

UFD needs access to the backflow devices for required annual backflow checks and access to the controller in the event one of our staff are called out on an emergency and need to turn the unit off. Access to the controller(s) is not as critical as access to the backflow devices, but would prefer the same locks be kept.

Please call me if you have any questions or would like to discuss.

Best Regards,

On Wed, Jun 27, 2012 at 3:18 PM, Donald Duckworth
<duckworth.donald@gmail.com> wrote:

I've been away from the computer and this conversation has gotten all confused. If I may add some clarity...

Hector, the area we are talking about is about 8820 S Sepulveda. It is my crew that maintains the medians. They work for the WTC BID. We don't need anyone to fix anything for us. After John called me last night I called out an employee to shut off the water. We will repair the system.

I need to establish contact with whoever is your field supervisor for this area. Someone continues to change our timer settings, to turn off / turn on our water, and otherwise interfere. It is someone with a key because the system is locked, which is another problem. Who could it be? Can I just have our locks put on? That would solve the problem I guess.

We thought it was Tropical Creations (I think that is the name) but the owner

has been told and has apparently agreed to stay out of that area. Could it be his employee hasn't gotten the memo yet? Could it be DWP? We don't know.

As of this week we now have 2 broken pipes / sprinkler heads because of this interference and 1 landscape area that has not been watered.

When can your supervisor & I meet on site?

Thanks Hector.

On Wed, Jun 27, 2012 at 1:48 PM, Hector Banuelos
<hector.banuelos@lacity.org> wrote:

John,

UFD does not perform any work south of Manchester. Any work needed on the south medians including controller programming will need to be performed by the BID contractor.

Best Regards,

On Wed, Jun 27, 2012 at 1:35 PM, Jruhlen916 <jruhlen916@aol.com> wrote:
Hector,

It is SOUTH of Manchester Ave.

It is now 1:30 PM and I just drove by that area and there is no water funning on the street.

But it s worth while taking a look at it.

John

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Sent: Wed, Jun 27, 2012 1:27 pm

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John/Donald,

8900 blk of Sepulveda is north of Manchester and UFD responsibility, but it appears the Ralphs is located south of Manchester.

BSS/UFD is not responsible for the irrigation systems on any of the medians south of Manchester.

Please confirm location.

Thanks

On Wed, Jun 27, 2012 at 11:17 AM, Jruhlen916 <jruhlen916@aol.com> wrote:

HECTOR,

I called Don last night about water running over the curb from the median across the street from the Ralph's grocery store south of Manchester. Water was running through the south bound traffic lanes.

John Ruhlen

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Sent: Wed, Jun 27, 2012 7:46 am

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Hello Donald,

Are you referring to the median(s) on Sepulveda north or south of Manchester?

On Tue, Jun 26, 2012 at 7:39 PM, Donald Duckworth <duckworth.donald@gmail.com> wrote:

We are having a real problem with the new irrigation system in the medians at the Westchester Town Center. I think it is simply a lack of coordination between the City (or its contractor) and the Business Improvement District's contractor. The result is lack of water for our plant material, broken pipes, unnecessary call outs, and frustration. Can we meet with all of your affected supervisors and our BID representatives to resolve this ASAP?

Thanks Hector. (I understand you may not be the appropriate supervisor that we meet with but you are the only person other than Greg Monfette and Luis Torres that I've worked with on the maintenance side. I'm counting on your guidance to direct us properly.)

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